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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Heinz LOHRER

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For: BANDAGE INSERT/INSET COMPOSITE

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 7, 2008. This application has one claim, and for convenience in considering Applicant's arguments herein, the single claim is set forth below:

12. (New) An elastic bandage for holding an orthopedic or orthotic element adjacent an injured or injury-prone foot, comprising:

A) an elastic sleeve or tube sized and shaped to fit over a foot, the elastic sleeve or tube including a sole region positioned adjacent the sole of the foot when the bandage is fitted thereon; and

B) a holder in the form of a hook and loop fastener area provided on the inside of the sleeve or tube and extending over the entire sole region;

whereby an orthopedic or orthotic element provided with a complementary hook and loop fastening area can be detachably fastened to the holder at any desired position on the sole region.

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class Mail on the date indicated below and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

*Dorothy Tomasco April 7, 2008*  
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